

**OCTOBER 20, 2004 MEETING**

**374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION**

**MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present**

Steven Afriat, President  
Renee Campbell, Vice President  
James Barger, Secretary  
Sylvia Robledo  
Diana Wood

**County Representatives**

Ressie Roman, Fifth District  
Rochelle Tatsumi, Fifth District  
John Schunhoff, DHS Public Health  
Jonathan Geller, County Counsel  
Leela Kapur, County Counsel  
Allison Morse, County Counsel  
Richard Townsend, County Counsel  
Jose Rubio, Regional Planning  
Steven Jimenez, Treasurer Tax  
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer Tax

**Court Reporter**

Jessieca Pate

**Commission Services Staff**

Steve Erickson  
Gabriel Alexander

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Applicants and witnesses were sworn to testify truthfully.

**MINUTES:**

**ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of OCTOBER 13, 2004 – Approved**

**Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell**

**Ayes: Commissioners Barger and Campbell**

**Abstention: Commissioner Wood**

**Vote: Duly carried**

**CONSENT CALENDAR CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS**

American Heart Association  
816 S. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles

ONEgeneration  
17400 Victory Blvd.  
Van Nuys

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Notice of Intention to Solicit Applications were approved.

**Motion:** Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell

**Vote:** Unanimously carried

QueensCare Family Clinics  
1300 N. Vermont Ave., Suite 1002  
Los Angeles

**ACTION TAKEN:** The Commission requested that the applicant either appear before the Commission or explain in writing why the organization's solicitation anticipated expenses exceed their anticipated revenue.

**Motion:** Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell

**Vote:** Unanimously carried

**RECESS:** The Commission recessed at 9:12 a.m.

**RECONVENE:** The Commission reconvened at 9:24 a.m.

(President Afriat and Commissioner Robledo joined the meeting.)

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO DENY AUTO REPAIR BUSINESS LICENSE, ID #130037**

Jose Olmedo  
4722 Floral Drive  
Los Angeles – First District

The applicant was advised of his right to counsel. He indicated he would like to proceed with the hearing.

Steven Jimenez, Treasurer Tax, indicated that Regional Planning recommended denial of the application for a new business license.

Jose Rubio, Regional Planning, reported that the applicant's work facility is located in the M-1 zoning area, which permits auto repair with an enclosed garage. Department inspections revealed that auto repair was being conducted outside of an enclosed facility under a car port. He also indicated that the facility lacks adequate parking and that the car port lacks required permits. He further emphasized that the property owner needs to file a floor plan for the site.

The applicant Jose Olmedo indicated he had been conducting the auto repair business for seven years. He also noted he spoke with Regional Planning and wishes to comply with all requirements.

**ACTION TAKEN:**    **The Commission continued the matter for 45 days, at which time they will review the applicant's progress in complying with Regional Planning's requirements concerning the car port, repairing autos in an enclosed facility and providing adequate parking.**

**Motion:**                      **Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell**

**Vote:**                         **Unanimously carried**

**COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND COMMENTS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORDINANCE ON COMMERCIAL SEX VENUES**

President Afriat announced he had a conflict of interest in this matter and recused himself.

(President Afriat was excused from the meeting).

John Schunhoff, DHS Public Health, explained that the Board of Supervisors recently passed the Commercial Sex Venues (CSV) Ordinance, Title 11 – Health and Safety, relating to bathhouses and similar commercial establishments, to redefine bathhouses and similar commercial establishments as commercial sex venues. The Board of Supervisors requested that the Business License Commission and Consumer Affairs review the CSV Ordinance, compare it to the San Diego Bathhouse ordinance and

provide comments to the Board. Mr. Schunhoff then provided definitions and descriptions of sex clubs, bathhouses and the term Commercial Sex Venues.

He indicated these businesses are located in the City of Los Angeles and that he is not aware of any such business in the unincorporated areas of the Los Angeles County. He also described the history of local government regulation and licensing of these businesses, emphasizing that local public policy has been to regulate these businesses rather than to close them.

Ressie Roman, Fifth District, expressed concern that these businesses owners are not currently required to have business licenses or background inspections.

Rochelle Tatsumi, Fifth District, spoke on making the CSV Ordinance more comprehensive and reviewed portions of the San Diego Bathhouse Ordinance.

Tim Bissell, Consumer Affairs, explaining that his department is involved in looking into products and services, commented that this discussion seemed alien to his department.

Vice President Campbell reviewed the Commission's charge by the Board to review the San Diego Bathhouse Ordinance to consider incorporating five components into the CSV Ordinance. In addition to the Board of Supervisor charge, the Commission could consider amending Title 7, the County Code for business licenses.

**RECESS:** The Commission recessed at 11:26 a.m.

**RECONVENE:** The Commission reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

Joseph Dangerfield, TTC, described background checks and investigations of certain types of licenses.

The Commission discussed five components of the San Diego Bathhouse Ordinance and asked Mr. Schunhoff to highlight those aspects which he recommends.

The Commission then continued discussion on this matter to the meeting of October 27, 2004.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were none.

**MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING):** There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Commission adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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Steven Afriat  
President